

Commonwealth to the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives  
of Massachusetts of the Commonwealth a fore said the petition of the Town of  
Humbley Sheweth that although the  
good people of this Commonwealth have by the kind hand  
of the Supreme Governor of the Universe been preserved through a  
long and unnatural war and by the protecting and over Ruling hand  
arrived to a happy Issue and peace in our Borders and in Addition  
To the above Blessings are favoured with a good frame of Government  
yet there are certain <sup>matters of</sup> grievance which this Commonwealth labours under  
in General and this Town as part of the same which we think may  
and ought to be Redressed of which we shall mention to your  
Honours the following Viz 1 by the giving into the hands of the  
Honourable the Continental Congress the Impost to be under  
their Sole Controle we conceive to be a grievance and in our  
opinion ought to be immediately repealed not but that we are free  
and willing that an impost on all imported articles should  
immediately take place but the prosoe thereof ought to be paid  
into our State Treasurer and in a Constitutional way Drawn out by  
a warrant from the Governor of the Commonwealth and  
if applied to Congress or any part thereof ought to be set to our credit  
So we may <sup>receive</sup> the benefit of the same which we conceive no State  
in the union have any just Right to  
2 by we Conceive that the Expence of Days of publick Recoyring  
ought not to be paid out of the publick Treasury but ought to be  
paid by those who partake of the same and not by the Commonwealth  
at large  
3 by the making large grants To the officers of the late Continental  
army or officers of the Publick any more then a moderate pay for  
their Services we conceive a grievance and under our present  
circumstances ought not to be, and where ever any has heretofore  
been made they ought to be Reconsidered for in our opinion the  
grants here to fore made cannot be more binding on the good  
people of this Commonwealth then that of the Redemption of the old  
money which in our opinion most Earnestly ought to be urged by  
the General Court and that no further Grants be made to the Congress  
untill the other States in the Union Comply with the Redemption  
of Said money and that his Excellency the Governor be Requested not  
to sign any warrant on the treasury for the Remainder of the four  
hundred Thousand pound which is now Assess'd and paid or to be paid  
into the Treasury untill a Redress is obtained

46 That the good people of this State are Greatly  
Oppressed and Distressed for the want of a proper Balance  
of a Circulating medium and that the Credit  
of the State Greatly suffer from no other motive, then  
the necessities of the people and by Reason of the States  
Holding the property of individuals binds one part of the people  
so that the other make their necessity their opportunity  
which much Grievous the good people of this State and we  
pray that way, and means may be found out for our Relief  
we your Humble petitioners pray your honours To take the  
matters into your wise Confederation and grant such  
Relief as you in your wisdom shall see just and  
Reasonable as your petitioners in Duty Bound  
Shall Ever pray Signed by order of

We the Deligates lealy Chosen by our Respective Towns  
to meet in Convention to Consider certain matters of Grievence  
which the good People of this Commonwealth in General and  
County in particular labour under we are of opinion of  
opinion that the foregoing petition be laid before the  
Several Towns in this County for their approbation  
and if they approving of the same by their Several  
Representatives presented to the General Court with  
particular instructions to see that the same be  
Immediately attended to Ebenezer Davis per Order  
Whereas April ye 22 th 1784

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J<sup>r</sup> B<sup>r</sup>  
united by  
is so inspersed